Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No answer is necessary in view of the answer above.

ANTHIKAD KADAVU ROAD—IMPROVEMENTS TO

214. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government has received a mass petition from the inhabitants of Anthikad praying for metalling and improving the Anthikad Kadavu Road;

(*b*) whether the Government is aware that the road referred to in that petition is out of repair;

(*c*) if the answer to question (*b*) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state how long has the said road been out of repair; and

(*d*) whether the Government has taken any action to carry out the prayer contained in the aforesaid petition?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) For 4 or 5 years.

(*d*) Yes; action is being taken to repair a portion of the road this year.

ALLEGED DEFALCATION IN THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT—PARTICULARS OF

215. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the time taken by the audit staff to examine and report on the alleged defalcation in the Agricultural Department, of which reference was made in question No. 1 of the Budget Session of Karkadagam 1116;

(*b*) the names of auditors of the Local Audit Staff who did the work referred to above; whether they were not the auditors of the Southern Division Local Audit;

(*c*) whether the Agricultural Head Office is not normally under the Northern Division Local Audit Staff for audit purposes;

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